Revenue (1932) Department.

915 SERIES.

G.O. No. 887

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DATED 17-2-1932.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine - (Bellary) - Bellary Taluk -
Collector's report under rec. 887
The Famine Code

C.F. 32

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT REVENUE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT.

Received *Registered*

From (Name) A. Corbett Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Bellary

Post Box ____, (STATION) Bellary

Telegraphic Address ____

To The President,

District Board,

Bellary

No. C. 6604/31.6 *dated* 5.12.31 19

Sir,

Enclosures ____

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Deacon - Bellary Taluk - ordinary public works - extension - to provide labour -

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We have already twice discussed the above question together and I now write to confirm what I said.

2. Owing to the failure of rain in Bellary Taluk, a failure of crops is apprehended in certain parts of it. The Tahsildar of Bellary has reported that labourers are migrating in many villages in search of employment and that demands for starting famine works are coming in that the time has arrived for starting test works in Kurugodu circle. Ryots of Kurugodu firka villages have submitted a memorial requesting that the road from Kurugodu to Yemiganur may be taken up so as to provide employment to the labouring classes in the affected villages. Many ryots of Koksa and Kurugodu have also come to me in large numbers and asked for the opening of works to give them employment. I have instructed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Bellary and Tahsildar, Bellary to send me a detailed report under Article 38 of the famine Code.

3. I invite your attention to Article 38 of the famine Code which requires local boards to expand their programme of ordinary works in the affected tract by the inclusion of additional works such as the construction and repair of roads and to submit the latter when likely to

to provide employment for unskilled labourers. I request you to arrange to take up road work to provide employment for labourers near Kurugodu and Koka under the estimates which we have ready for the contingency and ~~whether~~ which we have examined and consulted the District Board Engineer about. Please take measures at once and inform me of the measures taken by you.

4. I am prepared to recommend to Government that the whole or part of the expenditure should be met by grants from Government if you can prove to me that the District Board will not be able to provide the necessary funds.

5. I have promised the Kurugodu petitioners to go to Kurugodu on Sunday the 6th myself and inspect their fields etc. It would be convenient if you could accompany me or depute the District Board Engineer. The Tahsildar will accompany me. I shall be going to Koka tomorrow.

Sd/-

for Collector

R.V. 5.12.

Copy to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Bellary and Tahsildar, Bellary

the Secretary, Revenue Department, Madras.

the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue & Settlement, Madras.

the Director of Agriculture, Madras.

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Ref.C.No. 6504/31 A-5. Bellary Collector's Office, 15-12-31.

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Endorsement.

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Copy submitted to Government through the Board of Revenue and another copy direct to Government in the Local Self Government Department. The policy is the approved and settled policy- See Local Self Government Memo No. 3430 A-2 C-L & M., dated 3-2-27 and subsequent papers. An advance of Rs.20,000 may be sanctioned immediately as one work estimated to cost Rs.50,000 has already been started (Kurugodu-Emmiganur road). Two other works - Koka-Hagari road, Holagundi-Bellary road- estimated to cost more than a lakh may have to be started at any moment. The people of the adjacent villages are coming to me clamouring for work on them. It is true that their crops have failed; I have been making village inspections myself and can guarantee it.

Signed

A.S.M./15-12. for Collector.

15/12

Copy of the endorsement to the President District Board and the District Board Engineer, Bellary.

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Copy of letter No. C. 2175/31 dated 13-12-1931 from the President District Board, Bellary, to the Collector of Bellary.

Ref:- Your C.No. 6504/31 A-5 dated 5-12-31- Extension of District Board Public Works to provide labour to unskilled labourers of the parts affected by failure of crops.

I have issued necessary instructions to the District Board Engineer,Bellary, to arrange to start departmentally the work at Kurugodu by commencing the laying of a road from Kurugodu to Emmiganur. An Overseer in the Board's service has been detailed for the supervision of the work. It will be started very shortly.

2. The question for immediate consideration is how to provide funds for this work. The District Board on account of the withdrawal from its credit last year of about Rs.66,000 under the ground of excess payment of land cess in several previous years, has already been working under a deficit budget even after curtailing its expenditure under "several services" for 1931-32. The fall under items of receipts is an additional burden; e.g. the motor license fees income has fallen by about Rs.20,000 when compared with that of 1929-30. At this part of the year all the allotments provided for ordinary maintenance of roads have been fully utilized. On construction works such as bridges, culverts and buildings in progress, directions have been issued for expenditure to be slowed down. The only way of providing funds at once for the departmental work is by stopping payments of outstanding work bills diverting the amount thus made available for disbursement to the labourers who attend the work camp.

3. I have to state also that the withdrawal by Government of the following grants in their present situation has caused an additional strain on the Board's finances- this increase of burden exceeding Rs.60,000.

(1) Compensation for the loss of toll income. The amount actually adjusted for the first two quarters being Rs.18,000 out of the sanctioned allotment of Rs.48,000 resulting in a fall of Rs.30,000 in the current year under this item of receipt as Government have withheld payments of future instalments in the current year.

(2) Half subsidy for the Board High School building, Rayadrug. Government sanctioned a half grant for this work. It was started after this sanction during 1930-31 and no part of the expenditure was subsidized during that year as the grant for "Secondary School Buildings" in the Civil Budget estimate was fully allotted otherwise, ignoring the sanction for this work. It was continued in the current year (1931-32) with the hope that the grant would be adjusted at least in this year. After prolonged correspondence Government have definitely stated that in the present state of provincial finance, no grant can be adjusted for the work in question. The probable receipt from the grant in respect of the expenditure incurred up to date works up to about Rs.12,000.

(3) The cost of completing during the year the incomplete culvert works taken up during 1930-31 with the half grant sanctioned by Government has entirely fallen on the Board. This costs not less than Rs.20,000. The works have, of necessity, to be completed, as otherwise the work already done will be a waste.

4. I have to allude to these state of affairs in proof of the inability of the District Board to shoulder any part of the liability in respect of the works to be started to give employment to unskilled labourers. I would invite your kind attention to the fact that during the official years 1926-27 and 1927-28 when distress prevailed in large parts of Bellary, Adoni, Alur and Siruguppa taluks Government were pleased on the recommendation of the Collector of Bellary to sanction liberal grants for

for being utilised for the provision of work to the thousands of labourers suffering from unemployment vide G.O.No. 764 L.&.M dated 1-3-1927, 1251 L & M., dated 2-4-1927, 1366 L & M., dated 11-4-1927 and 1367 L & M., dated 11-4-1927. This way of relief was found practically more useful to the sufferers than the system of famine camps with costly establishment and low wages under the rigorous provisions of the Famine Code.

5. In these circumstances I request you to kindly recommend to the Government the adoption of the above policy of subsidizing the whole expenditure which was supported by C.D.A. Crofton Esq., the Collector of Bellary during the period of distress in 1926-28 and 1927-28. For the alleviation of the present distress it seems essential to open work camps in several centres about which I shall await your view. There are about three and a half months in the current official year over which the relief programme has to extend. For the present an advance grant of Rs.20,000 may be recommended for the remaining part of this year to be placed at once at the credit of the Board, the grant being subject to increase according to demand in and after the close of this year. Regular accounts will berendered for the expenditure from the advance grant.

The favour of a very early action is requested.

(True Copy)

A.S.N./15-12.

for Collector.

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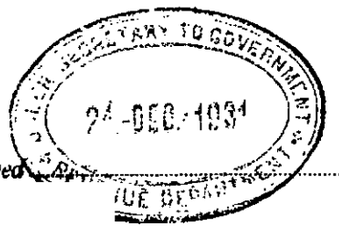

CURRENT No. 4424 C 31

Received ..... 19 . *Registered* 24-12-1931. Ei 24/12/31

Subject.

Season - (Bellary) - Bellary taluk - Report under Section 35 of the Famine Code - Submitted to Government -

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ENCLOSURES.
No.
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Miscellaneous No.4117,

Station Madras *Dated the* 23rd December 1931

From A.R.MacEwen, Esquire, M.C., I.C.S.,

Secretary - Land Revenue. and

~~Board~~ Board of Revenue, ~~Revenue~~ Settlement, ~~etc.~~

~~Commissioner~~ ~~Revenue~~.

C.A.Souter, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Settlement.

Resolution

~~Reference.~~

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Read the following paper:-

Letter from A.M.A.C. Galletti Esquire, M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, C.No.6504/31-A.5, dated the 18th - December 1931.

(In continuation of my Reference No.C.6504/31-A.5 dated the 5th December 1931) I submit my report under Section 35 of the Famine Code.

2. The tract affected is the whole Bellary taluk; the area worst affected is that between Kurugodu and the Siruguppa road on the east and the Hospet road on the - south.

3. Any serious deficiency of rainfall or cultivation.- The rainfall recorded during the year in Bellary

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and Kurugody raingauge stations has been furnished in the statement enclosed to my report Ref.C.No.6504/31 dated the 9th December 1931. Both the South-West and North-East monsoons were disappointing. With the rains in May and June 1931 cultivation of Mungari crops viz., Sajja, korra, ground-nut, cotton, etc., was begun. There was very little rainfall in July and August. Consequently the ryots were not able to continue the mungari sowings. I rode round about Kurugodu in August and found that very little land had been sown or even ploughed. The early sown crops also were injuriously affected. The extent of mungari crops cultivated during the year was 39,878 acres as against 56,418 acres cultivated upto the end of August last year. The North East monsoon began in second week of September. The rainfall in October was only 2.47 inches (11.76 inches last year). Good rain was needed in November to enable the ryots to complete the hingari sowings and to improve the standing crops, but it did not come.

The extent of hingari crops cultivated upto the end of November was 2,73,416 acres (2,77,036 acres last year). The ryots, in fact hopefully sowed nearly the normal area though for want of early rain they could not start early enough. An area of 3620 acres was not cultivated owing to the withholding of rain from October onwards. The total area cultivated upto the end of November was 3,13.294 acres (3.33.454 acres last year).

5. General Failure of Crops.- The Revenue Divisional Officer, Bellary who has toured throughout the taluk and inspected the standing crops reports that food crops have practically failed in all the villages and that the yield of the mungari or early crops was not more than 5 annas in several villages. Of the late crops the standing korra and white cholum crops are, he reports, withering in almost all villages. Cotton appears green but it is not likely to yield. Besides cotton and white cholam are reported to have been affected by

disease (Black fungus, white fungus) and firefly. I can generally confirm the above summary from my own observations but I take a more hopeful view of the cotton crop, especially after some rain to (45 cents) which we had on the 15th and I think some of the korra may be saved. The cholum is worst; when it has come up at all it is sparse and stunted.

6. Abnormal rise in prices.- There is no rise in the price of food grains, and other commodities. On the other hand there is a fall in prices as compared with the last year, owing to world wide crisis.

7. Extraordinary mortality, or disease among cattle.

The condition of cattle is good. There is no unusual mortality among cattle. But as the cholum has failed fodder will fall short by the hot weather and by way of precaution I have obtained an allotment of Rs.20,000 from the Board for fodder loans. Applications for fodder loans are pouring in but I suspect most of the applicants are trying to get money for other purposes and have directed the Tahsildar to go slow and only grant loans when and if he is satisfied that a ryot has really exhausted his cholum stack.

8. Employment.- Employment is not available for the labouring classes especially in Kurugodu and moka firka villages which are most affected. Labourers are reported to be migrating to Mysore and the Nizam's dominions in search of work. I have received many petitions from affected villages for the opening of road works and large deputations from several villages have waited on me clamouring for work. The President, District Board, Bellary reports that the famine work - Kurugodu - Yemmiganur road is being taken up. His application for an advance of Rs.20,000/- has been forwarded to Government through the Board with my endorsement C.No.6504/31-A.5, dated the

15th

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15th December 1931. I have asked him to start two more famine works (1) Bellary - Holagundi road (2) Moka - Hagari road. The District Board Engineer is also thinking of providing work in carting sand and gravel from a large deposit to all his roads.

9. Previous history of the tract.- The failure of crops in the Bellary taluk is normal and may be said to occur as often as not. There was failure in faslies 1332, 1333, 1336, 1338, 1340 - five out of the last 10 years.

RESOLUTION.

Submitted to Government in continuation of B.P. Misc., No.4068 dated the 18th December 1931.

2. Only two firkas are in any way seriously affected, and the conditions in the tract are apparently no worse than they are in practically every alternate year. The fact that labourers are migrating to Mysore and His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Dominions does not in the Board's opinion in itself, give serious cause for alarm. The District Board will presumably give work to the people in the affected tract. The Board considers that apart from such relief no special measures are necessary at this stage.

(True Extract

For Secretary. 23/12/31

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

c.n.n./23-12-1931.

Rev. 3/12

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT REVENUE DEPARTMENT 8 DEC 1931

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. 7 - DEC 1931 CHIEF SECT.

To

The District Collector,

Bellary.

Pwn 1.5590-1 8.12.31

Respected Sir,

We the ryots of the villages of Kurugode, Madanatti, Siddhammanahalli, Yerrangligi, Genekehal, Mushtagatta, H.Veerapuram, Kerekeri, Chitiginahal, Kalkambam, and other villages which are attached to the Kurugode Firka of Bellary Taluk do respectfully submit as follows:-

1. We had Mungari-rains for sowing purposes. After sowing, there was absolutely no rain fall for three and half months, with the consequence that the Mungari crop namely, cholam sajja and pulses completely dried up and failed. The Groundnut and Mungari cotton which appear to be only comparatively better, did not also yield any crop worth mentioning.

2. As regards the Hingari crops, there was slight rain, and after sowing commenced. White cholam, korra, and Hingari cotton were sown. But as there was not sufficient moisture in the ground, the seeds sown, did not even sprout up in some villages. In the other villages the growth went up to about from four to six inches, and began to wither, for want of timely rainfall. Hence even this crop has failed completely.

3. In some villages for want of food and fodder whole families have left their villages with cattle to seek employment elsewhere. Many individuals are about to migrate from their villages to some other parts to earn their livelihood. The situation is extremely critical and disheartening. The suffering of the villagers is really be-

beyond description.

4. Therefore we fervently appeal to the Government to take prompt measures to alleviate this keen distress. We request the Government to immediately open Famine Relief Works, and in this direction we suggest that the country path from Kurugode to Yemmiganur which is very bad, may be taken up, and a good raad may be constructed in its stead and this line being the centre of the affected villages will give employment and relief for men, women and children.

5. We also request the Government to grant loans for securing fodder for cattle.

6. In these circumstances we appeal to the Government to grant us land revenue remissions.

7. As the situation is very critical, prompt and urgent measures may kindly be taken and relief provided for the suffering and starving ryots.

We remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Ryots,

Kurugode
4.12.31

(80) Ryots of Kurugode Village.

Copy to the ~~Political~~ Chief Secretary, Government of Madras.
" Deputy Collector, Bellary.
" Tahsildar, Bellary Taluk.
" M.R.Ry. A. Ranganatham Modaliar Garu, M.L.C.,
" " Gopalswamy Modaliar Garu, M.L.C.,

Revenue Department

4204 Est.

Famine – (Bellary) – Bellary Taluk – Hampode Tanda – Petn.

From the ryots of Hampode & other villages dated 4.12.31.

C.F.

To Under Secretary.

Please see the petn in the C.F.

2. The Collector is already taking the necessary steps. The file has been sent to Tirr. today

Cno 4131/31

3. A Copy of the petn in the C.F. have been sent to the Taluk & Revenue Offices. No action is called for. This will be added to the main file on receipt from Tirr.

9.12.31

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P.K. 8/12/31

Revenue Department

Famine — Bellary — Scarcity

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D.O.810.

Board of Revenue, Land
Revenue and Settlement,
Chepauk, Madras,
3rd December 1931.

My dear Thorne,

Famine - (Bellary) - Scarcity.

Mr.Galletti has written demi-officially that the crops in Bellary taluk have failed and that the people are coming to him with petitions for suspension of revenue, fodder loans etc. He says that he is taking steps under the Famine Code. He is being asked to take steps under section 33-A and send a detailed report under section 35.

Yours Sincerely,

A. MacDowell

J.A.Thorne, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Revenue Department.

To Under Secretary.

The Board's detailed report may be awaited.

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I.B. 5/12/31
with Famine Code. — R 7/12

From the Collector of Bellary no. 6504-31 D. 87231 Dis 1-2 CF

To Under Secretary.

Submitted for perusal.

Rlle 87231 O.K. 8/12/31

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With reference to para 4 Fin[illegible] letter

Rev. no. 4131 Est 1
87231

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
9 - DEC 1931
FINANCE DEPT.

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Financial (Budget)

In para 4 of his dis to the
t of the Bellary District Board,
Mr[illegible] gallette has assigned the President
that he would recommend grants to the Board for
taking up road works to relieve
distress. If the District Board is not able to
provide the necessary funds. Revenue may
be requested to examine whether the grant, if any, may be debited to 43 Famine
The case may be returned to

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Revenue thro L.S.G.

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14 DEC 1931
LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPTT.

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Fin no. 39139 B

L.S.G

The suggestion at A in the Finance note on page 2 ante may be concurred in & the file passed on to Revenue

K.O

KG Cox 15/12/31

17/12/31

Rev

Please see at pages 4 the reference of 15/12/31 twice received in this Deptt from the Collector of Bellary. This has been noted on in the top file.

Returned in KG

Secy

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KG Cox 22/11 22/11

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(Seen by Secy)

Rev. Deptt

pp 9-12 cf.

[C No 4424 E/31]

From the Board of Rev (DRH) Mem No 4117 of 23/12/31

To under Secy

* linked file above destroyed

In a separate file on the copy of the ~~letter~~ Endt + letter at pp 3-7 cf. received from the Board it has been suggested by this Deptt that

the grant asked for may be sanctioned from the Famine Insurance Fund. It was mentioned in that Connection that the report from the Collector under section 3.5 of the Famine Code had not been received. In the B.P. App. 9-12 C.F. the Board has submitted the report of the Collector under Section 3.5 of the Famine Code. The file may be sent to Finance in continuation of Rev w.o. 4410 3 E/31 of 23-12-1931. On return of the file from Finance it may be submitted to A.m.C3 & C4.

Copy at Flag V in the Printed File p 12 N. Book

24/12/31 — 24.12.31 — Fin.

Rev w.o. 4413 E.31. 24.12.31

see (Exb.) D.S.

(Please see the note on p 15-7 N.F. in the linked file above) dictate

Submitted that the file may be perused & returned to Rev

24.12.31. — 25/12/31. — DS — Secy Board (Rev)

24/12/31 — 25/12/31

If Accounts please see.

25/12/31 LSG.

Rev.

FINANCE DEPT. 24 DEC 1931

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 26 DEC 1931

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Seen and passed on to Rev
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27.12.31

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
28 DEC 1931
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Rev Deptt

To Under Secy

4432 E
28.12.31

With reference to paragraph 8 of the letter at pp 11-12 cf. the Finance Deptt have stated in the linked file that the amount required will be allotted when intimation as to the amount likely to be spent by the District Board in the current year is known. It has been suggested in the linked file that order in that case should may issue in the L. S. G. Deptt. That Deptt will no doubt ask the P. D. B. to report the what amount is likely to be spent in the current year

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Kemp 4131 E/31-3
29-12-31

L S G (vide the file)

L S G (Secy)

Please see draft memo. in linked file.

27 DEC 1931

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TOSR
2/1/32

Draft a memo
for the Govt
TOSR
2/1/32

Revenue Department.

To Under Secretary.

Action in regard to the provision of funds is being taken in L.S.G. vide O.M. in lodged 41 S 32 D. 5-1-32. These papers may be recorded. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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18.1.32.

O.K. 18/1/32

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Famine Cell

Circ. 18.1.32.

C3 The Letter Member of the B'd Rev. left on Sunday for Bellary & Kurnool & Madras on Thursday. I presume he will report to Govt. Then file may be kept open till he reports. If a report is not rec'd by next Monday a reminder should be called for.

Cell 19.1.32

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Revenue Department

D.O. no. 279 C 32-1 d. the 1/32

My dear Mac Ewen,

Famine – (Bellary)

Relief measures.

Ref. mis 4117 L.R.S.,

dated 23-12-31.

I am to say that the Govt are expecting a report on the conditions in the Bellary Dt as revealed during Inter recent visit there.

Yours

H.R. Mac Ewen Esq., I.C.S.,
Secy Bd of Rev., L.R.S.

To Under Secretary,

a notes of inspection of the Commr of L.R. Bellary are on file No. 21-24 C.F. linked file.

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To Under Secretary.

The draft order may issue.

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READ ALSO :—

C. No. 27 From the Bd of Rev., LRS, No. nil 4117, dated 23-12-1931.

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ORDER. No. 387, dated 17-2-1932

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To

The Bd of Rev., LRS.

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